



# Weekly News

## Sunday 6th April 2025

### A family following Jesus

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.  
*Hebrews 10 v 23*

Welcome to our Family Worship, with Communion, led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices  
Call to worship  
**Hymn 1072:** In Christ alone  
All-age activity  
**Song 937:** Thank You for saving me  
**Song 990:** I will offer up my life  
*Children leave for their groups*  
Bible reading (video): Hope and home  
Talk: Hope and Home  
**Song** (mp4): 10,000 reasons/Bless the Lord  
Communion  
Intercessions  
**Song 673:** There is a Redeemer  
Final prayer and blessing  
The Grace

### Notices

Karen will be on holiday **Mon 7th - Sun 13th April**. While she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

The **Ladies' Group** will be having a book/film-themed afternoon on **Friday 11th April** between 2pm and 4pm in the Lower Hall. Please bring along a book you would like to recommend and/or information about a favourite film for discussion, or just come along to share the afternoon. Please let **Emma or me** know if you hope to attend. *Kathleen*

The **Men's Group** will be going ten-pin bowling in Watford at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 9th April** for those who have given me their names. *Chris*

**Please take care** around the Holliday Street side of the church building as scaffolding has been erected for our window repairs.

#### Meet & Make

There will be no Meet & Make session on Tuesday 8th April but do join us on 15th April to help decorate the church for Easter.

#### First Steps

There will be no First Steps on Thursday 10th and 17th April as we will be taking a break for the Easter holidays.

#### Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday (17th) - Simple supper and communion service - 7pm, Lower Hall  
Good Friday (18th) - Service of Witness - 10am, outside Tesco  
Easter Sunday (20th) - 'Sunrise' service - 7am, Berkhamsted Castle Grounds  
Easter Sunday (20th) - All-age service - 10:30am, church sanctuary

#### Maundy Thursday Simple Supper - 17th April

If you would like to attend the Maundy Thursday simple supper, there is a sign-up sheet in the Lower Hall. This year we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2.50 per person to cover the cost of the food.

We are in the **season of Lent**. I am engaging with the Bible Society's Lent Encounter - Through the Wilderness, which is exploring the book of Exodus. If you haven't already found resources to engage with through Lent, I encourage you to join me. Sign up here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter>  
*Karen*

**Open Church** takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.  
**We really need more people to come and help at Open Church as Carla will be unable to do so for several weeks.**

We are continuing to collect food and other grocery items for the **DENS Foodbank**; these are delivered to Hemel Hempstead each week. Please leave your contributions in the box in the church entrance.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- Those working behind the scenes in our church
- Those in Thailand and Myanmar affected by the earthquake
- Those who are unwell in our church family
- Upcoming Easter services

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for revival among the believers in Cambodia. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give Christians a deep desire to share the gospel with their neighbours and practically demonstrate God's love.

Living God,  
give us genuine commitment in following you,  
wholehearted resolve to honour your will,  
sincere dedication in discipleship.  
Teach us truly to practise what we preach,  
in the sense of working at it each day  
until walking the way of Christ becomes second  
nature,  
not the exception but the norm.  
Amen.

*From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>*

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Shout out his name!  
For God is with us,

**Motto text 2025:** 'When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you wholeheartedly seek me, I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD.  
Jeremiah 29 vs 12-14 (NET)

Our God is with us,  
The God of our salvation,  
In whom alone we trust.

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Shout out his name!  
For God is our Father,  
He draws us home,  
By streams of living water,  
Where we shall thirst no more.

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Shout out his name!  
He knows our thoughts,  
Understands our hearts,  
And enables us to become  
The people we were meant to be. Amen.  
*From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>*

Lord, I lift my eyes to focus on you.  
May I drink of your love and forgiveness,  
may I taste your beautiful words of truth.  
Please lift my heart today,  
come fill my mind with hope as I gaze upon your  
glorious face.  
Amen.  
*Prayer courtesy of [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com)*

In your time, Saving God,  
You walked upon this earth,  
And in your time  
Became one of us,  
To show what we could become.  
Remind us always  
As we look at our lives  
In comparison with yours,  
That at the centre of all things  
Is the saving Grace of God.

In your time, Mighty God,  
You will come in glory,  
And in your time  
Gather the harvest,  
From one end of this earth to the other.  
Remind us always,  
In times of plenty,  
And in times of famine,  
That at the centre of all things  
Are the mercy and justice of God.  
Amen.  
*Prayer from <https://www.faithandworship.com/>*

## And finally...

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are  
ever praising you. *Psalms 8 v 4*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by  
Thursday 11th April, please*